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1. SHORTLY AFTER THE AMBASSADOR'S MARCH 22 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL (REFTEL), ETCHEBERRY MET WITH GOC LAWYER SCHWEITZER. UNEXPECTEDLY, MIGUEL SCHWEITZER, SR. WAS ALSO PRESENT. SCHWEITZER, JR. HAD APPARENTLY HEARD FROM CARVAJAL AND EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN THAT PROPPER MIGHT RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES AND MAKE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH GOC COOPERATION. HE SAID WORDS TO THE EFFECT: IF THAT HAPPENS, WE ARE ALL FINISHED. SCHWEITZER, SR. WENT FURTHER AND SAID THE GOC WOULD HAVE TO RETALIATE WITH DENUNCIATIONS AND REVELATIONS (UNSPECIFIED) OF ITS OWN.

2. GETTING DOWN TO THE MATTER AT HAND -- THE PLANNED 6:30 P.M. MARCH 22 PRESENTATION OF RIVEROS AND MOSQUEIRA TO JUDGE GONZALEZ -- SCHWITZER, JR. ACCEPTED FACT THAT  
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ETCHEBERRY WOULD OPPOSE ASKING THEM THE LETTERS ROGATORY QUESTIONS AND THAT JUDGE GONZALEZ WOULD TERMINATE THE HEARING. HE ASKED THREE THINGS IN EXCHANGE: THAT ETCHEBERRY WOULD STATE THAT THESE REALLY WERE THE TWO MEN WHO TRAVELLED ON THE CHILEAN PASSPORTS ON AUGUST 21; THAT WE ARE SATISFIED THEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE LETELIER CASE; BUT, THAT WE WOULD NOT REVEAL THE NAMES.

ETCHEBERRY SAID HE COULD NOT AGREE TO THE FIRST TWO POINTS BUT COULD TO THE THIRD. SCHWEITZER ALSO ASKED THAT THE GOC BE ALLOWED TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE MARCH 22 HEARING. ETCHEBERRY SAID HE WOULD NOT SEEK OUT THE PRESS BUT, IF THEY ASKED HIM, HE WOULD RESPOND.

3. HEARING WAS HELD AT A CNI BUILDING. SCHWEITZER, JR. WAS PRESENT WITH ETCHEBERRY'S PERMISSION. ETCHEBERRY INFORMED JUDGE GONZALEZ FOR THE RECORD THAT MOSQUEIRA AND RIVEROS ARE NOT THE TWO MEN TO WHOM LETTERS ROGATORY QUESTIONS DIRECTED, THAT THE MEN WE WANT TO ANSWER THEM ARE FERNANDEZ AND TOWNLEY AND, THAT IN DUE COURSE, WE WILL PETITION THE JUDGE TO REQUIRE THEIR APPEARANCE. ETCHEBERRY WAS INTERCEPTED BY PRESS REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOWING HEARING AND INFORMED THEM WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

4. THE GOC PLANS TO PRESENT FERNANDEZ BEFORE JUDGE GONZALEZ TODAY. WE WILL ASK TO QUESTION HIM PRIOR TO COURT HEARING, AS WE DID YESTERDAY WITH RIVEROS AND MOSQUEIRA. WITH REGARD TO FERNANDEZ, HOWEVER, AND DESPITE CONTINUED UNAVAILABILITY OF TOWNLEY, WE PLAN TO LET JUDGE GONZALEZ PROCEED WITH QUESTIONS. "LA TERCERA" THIS MORNING SAYS THAT TOWNLEY IS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY GUARDED BY "SPECIAL PERSONNEL."

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